

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Foster Care Special Need Component Budget Summary

Component: Foster Care Special Need

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Foster Care Special Needs program is designed to meet special occasional needs of children in state custody, as mandated by statute.

Core Services

- Reimburses providers for pre-approved "one time" or "irregular" expenditures that are not covered by Foster Care Base Rates and that have been assessed on an as-needed basis.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$6,163,300	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

When children enter foster care with a higher level of disturbance, foster parents are required to access a higher level of services to meet their needs. Examples of these services include physical and/or psychological therapy, supervised visits with family members, individual education plans and tutoring. With the increase of parental abuse of drugs and alcohol, children are often exposed to prenatal abuse as well as environmental abuse, all of which has an effect on the child's behavior and increases special needs.

Develop updated policy and procedure in line with current practice related to allowable costs.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

In recent years, children placed in foster care have more complex needs and issues, and foster parents are often required to have a greater level of specialized knowledge. The Office of Children's Services continues to supply foster parent training to provide the essential skills needed to successfully deal with the individual behaviors and special needs of the children in their care. Each foster parent that can effectively nurture a special needs child has a positive impact on the mission of OCS.

The OCS requested and received additional funds for special needs costs related to the increase in the number of children in care as well as an increase in funds to be provided by the Division of Public Assistance for foster and relative child care needs. These increases will promote the recruitment and retention of good foster homes in Alaska, thus affecting OCS outcomes. OCS anticipates this impact to be realized more fully in 2010 than 2009.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

Special Needs funds covered a large spectrum of costs such as damages and loss to foster providers' property, food and dry goods considered essential to maintain a placement in an unlicensed relative's home, parent training, substance abuse treatment services, and other mental health services. Further examples of Foster Care Special Needs purchases include shipping and freight costs to bring a child's personal belongings to a specific placement; special equipment; furniture, such as special cribs, beds, mattresses for persons with disabilities; and travel for children in foster care to visit with their families.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010 department	Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions, duties of
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid
AS 47.14.100	Care of Children
AS 47.17	Child Protection
AS 47.40	Purchase of Services
7 AAC 53, Article 1	Child Care Foster Care Payments
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income
Title IV-E of the Social Security Act	

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**Foster Care Special Need
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	3.0	0.5	0.5
73000 Services	230.0	1,122.6	1,122.6
74000 Commodities	0.2	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	5,254.9	5,040.2	5,040.2
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	5,488.1	6,163.3	6,163.3
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	500.0	1,027.7	1,027.7
1003 General Fund Match	1,415.1	1,531.5	1,531.5
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,574.7	1,361.1	1,361.1
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	250.4	1,495.1	1,495.1
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	747.9	747.9	747.9
Funding Totals	5,488.1	6,163.3	6,163.3

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	500.0	1,027.7	1,027.7
Interagency Receipts	51015	250.4	1,495.1	1,495.1
Restricted Total		750.4	2,522.8	2,522.8
Total Estimated Revenues		750.4	2,522.8	2,522.8

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor***All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	3,640.5	1,027.7	1,495.1	6,163.3
FY2010 Governor	3,640.5	1,027.7	1,495.1	6,163.3